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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light, as buyers look to other traditional holiday items. Food service was light to fair, best into fast food channels. Offerings were adequate to fully sufficient as dealers kept floor stocks to a minimum. In the parts structure, wings were strong with supplies well cleared. Breast items were available. All other items were more than sufficient. In production areas live supplies were moderate. Weights varied but were mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 24th of November, 1999. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	128.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	78.00

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## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 11/18/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	175,690	178,740	-02
CHICKS PLACED	128,711	135,022	-05

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 176 million eggs during the week ending November 18, 2000. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 129 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 18, 2000. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 18, 2000, were 6.62 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 134.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 138.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 137.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 118.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.91 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate overall with post-Thanksgiving interest expected to improve. Floor stocks in fair balance. Trade sentiment fully steady on wings, barely steady on breasts and about steady on balance of parts.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonally light, as buyers look to other traditional holiday items. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs with reduced holiday schedules keeping product in fairly good balance. In the parts structure, wings continued to clear well. Other items were more than sufficient for the light and selective buyer interest. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights ranged desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wog's varied and easily satisfied buyer needs. Fill in trading noted in Chicago on whole fryers at 45 cents. Movement into all channels as expected preceding the Thanksgiving holiday, very light and spotty. Receivers optimistic for improved trading late next week for first of the month business and features. Floor stocks were balanced with sizes desirable. In the parts complex, trading centered on wings with objections to higher asking prices more prevalent. The balance of parts trading was limited. Supplies of wings remain tight and offerings of all other items readily available at discounted levels. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings and cautiously steady to weak on the remainder of items.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light as dealers attempted to move into the holiday with limited inventories. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts remained fully adequate to ample and was discounted to stimulate additional movement. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Dark meat items, particularly leg quarters, were at least adequate to available. Wings continued to move well, ranging balanced to tight.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally quiet as dealers concentrated on finishing up activity centered around turkeys and other seasonal items for tomorrow's Thanksgivings needs. Seller offerings were generally noted as adequate and in manageable balance. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights varied and were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were mostly light to moderate with no indications of any operations set for Thursday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Wings continued to clear well. Both breast and leg cuts were available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

## BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.68
NO. OF BOXES	10,160
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

NOVEMBER 22, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	826	103.00-190.00	130-135	135.25
TENDERLOINS	165	155.00-245.00	155-165	165.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	68.00-73.00	68-70	69.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	200	32.00-48.00	32-35	38.40
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	618	20.00-26.00	22-23	23.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,292	23.00-29.50	25-27	25.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	367	72.00-77.00	74-75	74.96
WINGS (CUT)	385	87.00-105.00	88-90	91.98
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
43.50 - 39.50	45.85

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	798	103.00-190.00	130-140	136.27
TENDERLOINS	165	160.00-245.00	165-175	186.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	32.00-48.00	32-34	33.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	618	20.00-26.00	22-23	22.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	23.00-29.00	26-27	25.89
WINGS (WHOLE)	367	72.00-77.00	72-75	74.96
WINGS (CUT)	370	87.00-107.00	88-90	89.78
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 47.00	44.53	45.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was very quiet this morning as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks well cleared moving into Thanksgiving. Supplies of bone-in breasts remained fully adequate to ample, and were heavily discounted to entice purchasers. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, and dark meat items were at least adequate to available. Wings were well balanced to closely cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was weak on bone-in breasts, and about steady on the balance of items.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

NOVEMBER 21, 2000	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
ITEM			
BREAST - B/S	110	111.92	769,742
TENDERLOINS	160-165	159.85	174,431
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	66.04	286,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	52.00	216,000
LEGS	35-36	38.95	198,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	26.00	584,481
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.54	201,220
THIGHS	30-31	34.00	184,623
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.99	47,728
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	85.11	356,732
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	80,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.40	72,830
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.96	92,010

NOVEMBER 22, 2000	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
ITEM			
BREAST - B/S	110	113.62	837,110
TENDERLOINS	155-160	150.91	162,150
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	61.84	286,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	50.55	242,000
LEGS	35-36	38.20	245,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.54	459,072
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.48	157,910
THIGHS	30-31	35.91	150,060
B/S THIGHS	78-79	80.89	65,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	84.83	296,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	80,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.19	85,970
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.97	106,110

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	11/22	11/21	11/20	11/17	11/20	11/17	11/15	11/13
ALA	3,776	3,938	3,836	3,729	5.10	4.86	3,776	5.14
ARK	4,707	5,254	5,250	5,013	5.00	4.94	4,768	4.97
DELMARVA	2,303	2,151	2,209	1,925	4.98	5.05	2,002	5.03
KY-LA-TN	2,003	1,927	1,992	2,054	4.65	4.54	2,005	4.60
MISS	2,527	2,789	2,691	2,803	5.12	4.86	2,334	5.10
NC	2,549	2,622	2,554	2,609	5.97	6.01	2,363	5.99
TEXAS	2,281	2,339	2,356	2,209	4.91	4.70	2,089	4.81
TOTAL	20,146	21,020	20,888	20,342	5.11	4.98	19,337	5.08
MON-WED 62,158(A)	59,673(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Nov 00 is estimated to be 30,141,000 down 3.31 percent from a week ago and up 10.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 27,317,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-103
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	94
	ICE PACK	94
DUCKS		152-165

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV-25-00

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	11/25/00 (1)	11/18/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	117,382 (2)	153,251
LT HENS	1,040	1,709
HVY HENS	960	1,453
CHECK TOTAL	119,382	156,413

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Nov-00 is 143.2 million head compared to 111.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 117.6 million head or 25.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 02-Dec-00 the estimated available is 145.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 20-Nov-00	85,040	74,660
AM 1-Nov-00	128,816	72,410
CHG	-43,776	2,250
PCT CHG	-34	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	11/20/00	11/13/00	11/23/99	11/20/00	11/13/00	11/23/99
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	11,023	13,349	9,744	8,390	8,408	13,709
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	202	259	420	2,281	2,507	4,434

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 11/21/00

	<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>
HEAVY FOWL lb..	35.95	.55	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb..	501.10	.89	MIXED FOWL ea.	-1.50	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.60 .90	.67	BANTAMS ea.	.101.75	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.50 .70	.58	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-CHICKS ea.	.25 .60	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-1.00	-	-PULLETS ea.	3.254.75	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-BUNNIES ea.	.401.10	-	-
ROOSTERS lb..	501.35	1.02	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-.30	-	-GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.401.05	.56	TURKEYS ea.	-4.00	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.201.40	.79	DUCKS ea.	.602.50	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.101.40	.87	RABBITS ea.	.401.10	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-PIGEONS ea.	1.003.25	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.-	-	-	-GUINEA FOWL ea	3.254.50	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	- CALL DUCKS ea.-	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-1.50	-	-GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 166

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2000

	<b>RANGE</b>
<b>HENS</b> ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-65

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